(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and what action Government have taken in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Kerala State Government have recommended that Km. P. T. Usha be adopted by Government of India as a national athlete as was done by Brazil in the case of legendary footballer Pele. The position in this regard has been ascertained from our Embassy in Brazil, who after contacting the authorities of the National Confederation of Sports, Brazil have indicated that neither Pele nor any other sports person in Brazil has been declared as national asset. Km. P. T. Usha had, however, been already given a special status as an outstanding athlete by providing the following special facilities to her until 31st October, 1986 which have now been extended till 31st October, 1988:—

(i) Provision of a coach for exclusive training, and

(ii) training at her place of choice and to get training facilities and allowances, as are available in a coaching camp, even when she is not in a formal coaching camp.

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292. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the chief athletic coach Ken Bocen has quit his post out of frustration and has taken up a well-paid job in Taiwan;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Patriot' on the 30th September, 1986 in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) The Press report in question has come to the notice of the Government. The main content of the Press report was that Shri Bosen had accepted a job in Taiwan and had resigned his present job. The position has been ascertained from the Director-General, Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala, which employs Shri Bosen. Shri Bosen has intimated the Director-General, Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala, that he has, in fact, formally refused for 'all time to come' the offer of employment made to him by the Taiwan Athletic Federation. Shri Bosen also continues in his present job in the Institute.

Marketing of analgesic drugs

293. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain analgesic drugs have been allowed to be marketed along with Narcotic drugs, which is major cause of drug related death of addiction prone patients;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for allowing such medicines;

(c) whether such medicines are being sold under narcotic regulations; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for which such regulations are not applicable to these medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Combinations of analgesic drugs with karpatic drugs such as codeine have not caused any drug related death.

Indiscriminate use of dextro-propoxyphene particularly with alcohol have been reported to cause death abroad. (However, combinations of dextropropoxyphene moving in the Indian market contain less than 65 mg and as such do not fall within the definition of "Narcotic drug" as defined in the Narcotic Drugs Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985).

Combinations of Dextropro-poxyphene with analgesics and tranquilizers have been licensed to be manufactured and marketed by the respective State Drug Control Authorities long time back.

On receipt of the adverse reports of Dextropropoxyphene combinations from the FDA in the United States and the CSM in U.K. the Drugs Controller (India) has already advised the State Drug Control Authorities to ensure inclusion of Warning notes against indiscriminte use and also a cautionary note regarding the use of Dextropropoxyphene combinations during pregnancy.

(c) and (d) The distribution of narcotic bulk drugs to the concerned formulators is controlled by the Narcotic Commissioner in consultation with the Drugs Controller (India). However, under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, there is no separate procedure for sale of formulations containing narcotic drugs except that these formulations are required to be sold under the prescription of Registered Medical Practitioner only.

294. [*Transferred to the 14th November, 1986*]

Expenditure on Indian contingent to Seoul Asiad

295. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of athletes in the Indian contingent sent to Seoul to participate in the 10th Asian Games;

(b) what is the total expenditure incurred by Government for participation in the Seoul Asian Games stating the approximate expenditure incurred on each of the athletes/sportsmen;

(c) whether Government have critically reviewed the poor performance of the Indian athletes/sportsmen in each of the events; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof and the deficiencies if any identified in the selection process and training of the probables and the measures contemplated by Government to remove these deficiencies to bring an all round improvement in producing the talent to compete in the world sports events?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHREMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The total number of athletes cleared for inclusion in the Indian contingent which went to Seoul for participation in X Asian Games was 310, out of which participation of 186 sports-persons only was paid for by Government.

(b) A grant amounting to Rs. 34 lakhs has so far been released to the Indian Olympic Association in the above context. However, the total expenditure incurred